

YALE'S WEEK OF GAYETY

The Junior Promenade Festivities Greatly Enjoyed.

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NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 27.—The junior promenade for '95 is a thing of the past. It was a great success. It was the culmination of the week's festivities at Yale, and passes into the history of the social life of the university as a credit to the class that planned it. Many of the guests who have been here from all over the country left town yesterday. A few yet linger around the university, and are enjoying themselves in visits to the college buildings and in other social diversions incidental to life at Yale. The one marring feature of this week of gayety was the action of the freshmen at the Glee and Banjo Club's concert early in the week.

The decorations of the Seventh Regiment Armory, where the promenade was held, were very elaborate. The entire ceiling of the armory was a mass of blue. All the windows were draped with curtains, while the spaces between were hung with panel pictures. The walls were covered with shrimp-pink material, gathered into long folds and completely covering the woodwork. Above the boxes and extending around the hall was a large canopy of white divided off into panels. The front of the gallery was draped with pink and green. Suspended from the tie rods were two rowing shells, one slightly in advance of the other. The winning shell is one of the first ever used by Yale, and was brought over from England by Robert J. Cook, the great Yale coach. A large football made of white everlastings, with the scores of the two big games last Fall, was suspended between the shells in the centre of the hall. Half way down the hall and on either side were the stands for the band and orchestra. The members of the Promenade Committee were A. E. Foote, A. P. Stokes, Jr., M. Griggs, S. B. Thorne, J. G. H. De Sivoir, R. B. Treadway, W. S. Miller, J. B. Neale, and H. Twombly.

There is general regret in the university that Yale failed to win in the debate with Harvard. It was the fifth successive defeat. Since the demise of the old debating societies, there was nothing of any importance in the debating line until the Pundit Club was formed in October, 1884, by members of the class of 1887. The classes of 1888 and 1889 started the Yale Assembly. A few years ago the Yale Union was organized. It holds meetings every week, although rather poorly attended. The Kent Club is a debating society in the Law School, and has been organized for some time. There is almost nothing in the regular courses of the university to train men for debate. Prof. Hadley inaugurated last Fall a kind of debating class in connection with one of his classes in economics. The lack of interest in the matter has prevented this from being a great success.

Some time before last commencement the Executive Committee of the Hartford Alumni Association discussed plans for aiding the university in securing some course in debate for the undergraduates. The necessity for this had been emphasized by Yale's numerous defeats by Harvard. The Secretary was authorized to write to the Yale Faculty asking for advice as to the manner in which such aid would be acceptable to the university. Prizes were suggested, or possibly a fund for the maintenance of a chair. The Hartford association promised when the university would point out the way to engage the sympathies of all other New-England Alumni Associations in the work. A letter was sent to the Faculty in the following June. The offer of aid in this letter was substantial, as voluntary offers to the amount of several hundred dollars had been made without solicitation. Nothing has yet been done by the Faculty in the matter, outside of the course offered by Prof. Hadley. The work of the Hartford alumni did not end with the letter. The Secretary talked with a member of the Faculty and with members of the corporation. The fact was brought out that the students themselves showed a lack of interest in this branch.

The freshman row at the Hyperion during the Glee Club concert has again started the question of possible action by the Faculty on the intercollegiate athletic contests. The desire on the part of the conservatives of the Yale Faculty is to reduce the proportion of athletics by cutting off all freshman contests. If such a change were instituted as a permanent feature of Yale athletics, the effect would be far reaching. Football has been the most recent topic of discussion before the Faculty. The matter has not yet been settled. It is before the Faculty in the form of a motion to prohibit all games at or near New-York. It is thought the most radical action that will be taken will be the shortening of the season by perhaps a week, so that the last game shall be played, at the latest, a week before Thanksgiving.

Prof. Isadore Troostwyk has assumed the duties of violin instructor in the musical department of the university. He was born in Zwolle, Holland, in 1862, and began the study of the violin at the age of ten. He early exhibited such an unusual amount of talent, that three patrons united in sending him to Berlin to study. Joachim accepted him at once as his pupil. After a three years' course in the Royal High School, Mr. Troostwyk traveled through Holland and Germany, in the latter country receiving two offers, one as a concert caster in the Royal Court Theatre at Munich, and the other, which he accepted, the position of solo violinist of the "Kur Orchestra," at Kissingen. In 1881 he played for the King of Holland, and two years later was Professor of Violin at the Academy of Music, Amsterdam. In 1888 he was first concert master of the "Concert Gebouw," where he remained until he came to America a few years ago.

By the will of Mrs. Harriet White of New-York City, the widow of Edwin White, the well-known artist, the Yale Art School will receive a valuable painting, entitled "A Café in Cairo."

Prof. James B. Thayer, who was to have been the William L. Storrs lecturer in the Yale Law School this year, will be unable to keep the appointment, and his place will be supplied by James Dovesmith, Professor of Jurisprudence and Roman Law at Aberdeen College, Scotland. Prof. Thayer will deliver the Storrs course of lectures in 1896.

The annual statement of the Yale Sheffield Scientific School appeared recently, and, except in the new entrance requirements announced last year, there are practically no changes. Beginning with this year, the following additional subjects will be required: History of England, botany, and either French or German, at the option of the student. The following are the works required for the preliminary examination in 1895 for those entering in 1896: Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner," Scott's "Ivanhoe," and "Lady of the Lake," Irving's "Alhambra," and Macaulay's essay on Clive.